

analgesic and at least one local anesthetic). Therefore, the closest prior art will likely be the same art, and any enablement or obviousness issues will likely be common to both sets of claims. Examination of the claims of Groups I and II would conserve both the applicant's resources and those of the patent office.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows. A marked version of the amended portions of the application is set forth in the accompanying Appendix:

In the Claims

Please cancel the following claims:

Please cancel claims 27-35. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the full scope of the claims in a Divisional Application.

Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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APPENDIX 1: MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 27-35.